

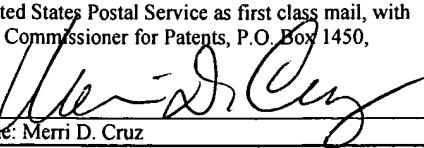


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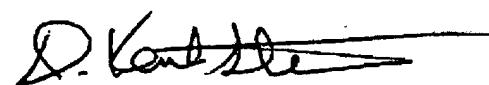
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.